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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

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SUBJECT: Arts in the Parks presents Metropolitan Opera's HD "Carmen"

On Thursday, August 9, 2012, the City's Arts in the Parks program will present a free screening of the Metropolitan Opera's HD broadcast of Bizet's "CARMEN," on the wall at SoundScape at 9:00 p.m. In case of rain the screening will take place inside the main hall of the New World Center.

The Met's series of HD opera broadcasts in commercial cinemas has been extremely popular for the past few years. The Tourism and Cultural Development (TCD) Department approached the Met last year to try to arrange regular screenings at SoundScape, but the Met's prior contracts with Regal and other cinemas in the area prohibit competing free screenings. After discussion the Met agreed to allow us one date in the month of August. TCD continues to search for partnerships for Arts in the Parks programming throughout the year.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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